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In re Application of:

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POLYPEPTIDES CAPABLE OF FORMING ANTIGEN BINDING

STRUCTURES WITH SPECIFICITY FOR THE RHESUS D ANTIGENS,

THE DNA ENCODING THEM AND THE PROCESS FOR THEIR

PREPARATION AND USE

## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one anti-Rhesus D antibody according to claim 14 for the prophylaxis of haemolytic disease of the newborn, for the treatment of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura and mistransfusions of Rhesus incompatible blood.

19. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one polypeptide according to the definition of claim 1 for the prophylaxis of haemolytic disease of the newborn[.], for the treatment of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura and mistransfusions of Rhesus incompatible blood.

(Twice Amended) Claim 20, line 2, delete "claim 4", insert --claim 14--.

## REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested. Early